Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 25 Oct 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 26 Oct 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 25 Oct 2023 at 03:28 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for unsettled and changeable conditions through the coming days. Lower for exact rain and wind details so stay up to date with the forecast.

Headline for Wednesday 25 Oct 2023: Low cloud and occasional rain. Cold and windy on the tops.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 25 Oct 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
FOG	FOG	FOG	FOG	FOG	FOG
Fog	Fog	Fog	Fog	Fog	Fog
Precipitation probability					
60%	60%	60%	60%	80%	80%

Forecast for Wednesday 25 Oct 2023

Weather: Mainly dry with a little brightness over ranges west of the A9 early in the morning. Otherwise, cloudy and misty with occasional light rain, falling as sleet or wet snow above 1100m.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Less than 10% for most ranges. 40% overnight and early morning in west.

Low cloud and visibility: Very poor visibility for most of the day at height with extensive low cloud and fog above 500 or 600m. Cloud patchier and mainly above 700m at first over ranges west of the A9.

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Forecast for Wednesday 25 Oct 2023

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	30/39 E	27/35 E	29/38 E	27/36 E	30/40 E	32/42 E	23/31 E
900	18/20 E	21/24 NE	23/29 E	22/27 E	25/30 E	28/35 E	17/22 E
600	7/9 SE	9/12 N	14/19 E	14/19 E	15/20 E	16/22 E	10/14 NE
300	1/6 NE	3/12 NE	7/17 E	7/17 NE	7/18 E	8/20 E	5/12 NE
Glen	2/9 N	3/14 NE	5/16 E	5/16 E	4/15 NE	3/14 NE	3/11 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	2/-6	1/-6	0/-7	0/-7	0/-8	-0/-8	-1/-8
900	3/-2	4/-2	3/-3	3/-2	3/-3	3/-4	2/-4
600	3/0	5/2	5/1	5/1	4/0	4/-0	4/0
300	4/3	5/4	7/5	7/4	6/4	6/3	5/4
Glen	3/2	4/4	8/6	8/6	6/5	6/4	5/4
Freezing Level*	1500m	1500m	1400m	1400m	1400m	1300m	1300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Feeling cold at height with a significant wind chill in the damp conditions along with difficult navigation conditions, especially over the Cairngorms.

Forecast for Thursday 26 Oct 2023
Weather: Mostly cloudy with further spells of rain, possibly heavy at times in the east but occasionally drier in the west. Sleet on the highest Munro tops in the morning.

Maximum wind: East or southeast 25mph gusts 35mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Less than 10%.

Low cloud and visibility: Poor for most of the day with extensive low cloud and fog above 600 or 700m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 7C rising to 10C.
At 800m: Plus 3C rising to 6C.
Freezing level: 1300m, rising well above summits.

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